

TOWN OF DALTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE 29, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jean M. Gingras and Deborah Deane Smith were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk, Barbara L. Suriner. There was a total of 32 Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1 - 25  
PRECINCT 2 - 7  
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ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and voted that whereas there exists in the Town of Dalton: (a) substandard, decadent or blighted open areas: and (b) that each constitutes a serious and growing menace, injurious and inimical to the safety, health, morals and welfare of residents: and (c) that the menace of such decadent, substandard or blighted open areas is beyond remedy and control solely by regulatory processes in the exercise of the police power and cannot be dealt with effectively by the ordinary operations of private enterprise; that whereas it is hereby determined that a Redevelopment Authority is needed for: (a) the acquisition, planning, clearance, conservation, rehabilitation or rebuilding of such decadent, substandard and blighted open areas for residential, governmental, recreational, educational, hospital, business, commercial, industrial, or other purposes: that the Dalton Redevelopment Authority shall be organized and established under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) chapter 121B, Section 4 and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town request that its legislative delegation file a Special Act with the General Court on behalf of the inhabitants of Dalton to authorize the Town Manager and Select Board to appoint the members of said Redevelopment Authority authorized under ARTICLE 1 hereinabove, said Act shall read as follows:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS  
OF THE DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

“Upon the expiration of the initial terms of the four members of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority, appointed by the Selectmen, as provided for under Massachusetts General Laws 121B section 5 and, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, said members of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority shall continue to be appointed and removed upon recommendation of the Town Manager, subject to ratification by the Select Board, in the same manner as provided for under Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1995 Section 4.”

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$110,279 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on debt incurred under the Capital Improvement Program and Landfill Closure due and payable in the 2010 fiscal year.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$7,500 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the costs related to the Fiscal Year 2010 annual element of the Capital Improvement Program as follows: \$3,500.00 for a Highway Department Copier and \$4,000.00 for repairs to the Town Hall boilers and further that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$89,500 including borrowing costs associated with said program, and authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7. Said appropriation to be used as follows: \$36,500.00 for police cruisers and related equipment, \$53,000.00 for highway equipment including a plow, roller, air compressor and sweeper and equipment related thereto.

Department	Project/Equipment/Program	Borrowed	Stabilization
Police	Police Cruisers & related equipment	\$36,500	
Highways/Sewers	Highway Equipment – Plow, Roller, Air Compressor, Sweeper, and related equipment	\$53,000	0
	Highway Office Equipment –Copier		\$3,500
Town Hall	Boiler Repairs		\$4,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$89,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town rescind the unutilized balance of several prior years' borrowing authorizations for completed capital improvement projects as follows: from the Special Town Meeting of March 22, 2004 - \$574,325.00 for Library/Senior Center Design, from the Special Town Meeting of June 28, 2004 Sewer System Mapping - \$175.00, from the Special Town Meeting of June 27, 2005 - \$14,185.00 for Resurfacing of Old Windsor & Orchard Roads, from the Special Town Meeting of June 26, 2006 - \$7,563.00 for Purchase of a Sewer Flusher Truck & Catch basin cleaner from the Special Town Meeting of June 25, 2007 - \$5,057.84 for Purchase of a Communications Console and \$2,982.22 for Purchase of a 5-Ton Plow Truck & accessories.

<b>Town Meeting Date</b>	<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>Amount Rescinded</b>
3/44/04	Library/Senior Center Design	\$574,325.00
6/28/04	Sewer System Mapping	\$175.00
6/27/05	Resurface Old Windsor & Orchard Road	\$14,185.00
6/26/06	Purchase Sewer Flusher Truck & Catch Basin Cleaner	\$7,563.00
6/25/07	Purchase Communications Console	\$5057.84
6/25/07	Purchase 5 – Ton Plow Truck & Assessories	\$2982.22

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend the vote taken under Article 5, "Town Operating Budget", of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting to increase certain salary and expense amounts appropriated thereunder as follows: Department #161 Town Clerk – Expenses \$3,500, Department # 619 Library – Expenses \$1,000, and that \$4,500.00 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury to meet said increased expenses and further that the appropriation for Maturing Debt and Interest be reduced by \$50,662 and that the following amounts be transferred from expenses to salaries: Department # 123 Town Manager- \$1,691, Department # 433 Landfill Closure - \$1,800; and further that an additional \$50,000 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the expected tax rate increase in the 2010 fiscal year.

Transactions summarized below:

<b>Dept. #</b>	<b>Dept. Name</b>	<b>FY2010 ATM Appropriation</b>	<b>Appropriation Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
161	Town Clerk	Expenses - \$9,200	\$3,500.00	Update Town Code
619	Library	Expenses - \$53,763	\$1,000.00	Purchase Public Access Computer
710	Maturing Debt & Interest	Expenses - \$320,100	(\$50,662)	Adjust for use of Capital Stabilization Fund to pay Maturing Debt & Interest to offset reduced State aid
	Free Cash	\$600,000	\$50,000	To offset the decline in State aid approved by The House and Senate on 6/19/09

<b>Dept. #</b>	<b>Dept. Name</b>	<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
123	Town Manager	Expenses	Salaries	\$1,691.00	Projected shortfall
433	Landfill Closure/Monitoring	Expenses	Salaries	\$1,800.00	Salary expenses misclassified

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate \$173,472.00 from available funds to be reimbursed by a Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 Section 34 of the Massachusetts General Laws and further that the Town vote to authorize the Town Manager to apply for assistance under the Small Town Road Assistance Program for up to the maximum amount of \$500,000.00 to be used for all eligible costs including allowable construction activities under Chapter 90 section 34.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town create a Sewers Stabilization Fund pursuant Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 section 5B, for the purpose of paying any and all costs related to the operation thereof, including salaries and expenses, maintenance, capital improvements and also including stormwater management and control and transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to said Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Barbara L. Suriner, TOWN CLERK

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